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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Advisory Action</i> <i>Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</i></p>	<p>Application No. 10/590,969</p>	<p>Applicant(s) ICHIKI, TAKANORI</p>	
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THE REPLY FILED 01 April 2011 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: _____

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
 10. ☒ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
With respect to the restriction requirement to claims 16-19 filed on 1/14/2011, as stated in the previous office action, claim 16 includes a micro-antenna having a flat undulating shape with plural turns and claim 18 requires the substrate being made of sapphire, aluminum nitride, silicon nitride, boron nitride, or silicon carbide while the original claim 1 recites a micro-antenna having a flat meandering shape with plural turns and a substrate which is alumina. Thus, claims 16 and 18 are drawn to different inventions from the invention originally claimed as cited in claim 1. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 16-19 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The affidavit filed on 4/1/2011 is sufficient to overcome the rejections to claims 1-7, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and 103 (a). Thus, the above rejections are withdrawn.

In response to the argument that Ichiki/Yin does not teach a flat meandering shape with plural turns extending in alternating directions and the examiner fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness.

(i) as provided by the applicant, meandering is defined as a route/course with a series of twist and turn (see page 6 of REMARKS) while spiral is defined as a flat curved line that winds around a central point (see page 10 of REMARKS). As shown in Figure 2, the planar spiral coil of Yin has a plurality of concentric semicircles/circles (i.e. plural turns) and some semicircles extend upwardly while other semicircles extend downwardly (i.e. plural turns extending in alternating directions, Figure 2—bottoms). From the above definitions, the planar spiral coil of Yin includes a flat curved line and a series of turns (see Figure 2 of Yin). Thus, the planar spiral coil of Yin teaches a flat meandering shape with plural turns extending in alternating directions as cited in claim 1.

(ii) Furthermore, Yin also indicates that such configuration generates uniform and stable plasma and improves efficiency (page 1517 & 1519, Figure 4). Therefore, it would be obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art to utilize planar spiral coil with plural turns

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